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SUBJ: THIRD COUNTRY ASSISTANCE TO FY 1976 PROSPECTIVE MAP

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FOLLOWING IS REPLY TO PARA 2 REFTEL

1. THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HAS RECEIVED VERY SMALL QUANTITIES OF MILITARY SUPPLIES AND SERVICES FROM THIRD COUNTRIES. TO THE MISSION'S KNOWLEDGE, THERE HAVE BEEN NO SUBSTANTIAL GRANTS OF MILITARY MATERIEL OR TRAINING.

2. THE MAJOR GODR PURCHASES OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS WERE A) 5,000 FAL RIFLES FROM BELGIUM IN 1970 AT AN APPROXIMATE TOTAL COST OF DOLS 870,000, AND B) 2 ALOUETTE HELICOPTERS FROM FRANCE AT A TOTAL COST OF APPROXIMATELY DOLS 500,000. A FEW THOUSAND MORE FAL RIFLES HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN ACQUIRED SINCE 1970. THESE PURCHASES WERE RESPONSIVE TO DOMINICAN REQUIREMENTS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE GODR RECENTLY CONTRACTED FOR THE PURCHASE OF 1,000 ADDITIONAL FAL RIFLES FROM BELGIUM AT A COST OF

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DOLS 430,000, INCLUDING SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION.

WE ALSO HAVE A REPORT, UNCONFIRMED, THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IS ABOUT TO PROVIDE 50 UZI SUBMACHINE GUNS TO THE DOMINICAN MILITARY FOR THE PRESIDENT'S BODYGUARD.

3. OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, SEVERAL DOMINICAN OFFICERS AND MEN HAVE RECEIVED TRAINING IN VENEZUELA WHILE A FEW VENEZUELAN MILITARY HAVE RECEIVED VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN THE D.R. A FEW DOMINICAN MILITARY HAVE ALSO RECEIVED TRAINING IN OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND IN EUROPE OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS.

4. THERE IS NO RPT NO INDICATION THAT THIRD PARTY ARMS SUPPLIERS ARE FOLLOWING PRACTICES INIMICAL TO U.S. OBJECTIVES IN THE D.R. OR THAT THE D.R. IS SEEKING TO USE ALTERNATIVE SOURCES TO INFLUENCE U.S. PROVISION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

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